

Commending the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires: H. Res. 1322, to commend the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires;

Pages H6291–93

DTV Transition Assistance Act: S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H6306–09

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety Month”: H. Res. 1260, to support the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety Month”; and

Pages H6309–11

Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6061, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the “Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building”.

Pages H6311–12

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and honoring her contributions to the space program and to science education: H. Res. 1313, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and to honor her contributions to the space program and to science education and

Pages H6254–56

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration: H. Res. 1315, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Pages H6257–61

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces.

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Electronic Message Preservation Act: The House passed H.R. 5811, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies and to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, by a ye-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 477.

Pages H6238–43, H6293–H6305

Agreed to the Davis (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to

the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 476. Subsequently, Representative Clay reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Pages H6302–03

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1318, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 475, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 474.

Pages H6238, H6293–94

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment—corrected text: Agreed by unanimous consent that H. Res. 353, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment, be considered to have been adopted with the corrected text that was placed at the desk, and that the resolution be re-engrossed in that corrected form.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6294 and H6305.

Quorum Calls Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6293–94, H6294, H6303, H6304, H6305 and H6305–06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matheison, Van Hollen, DeLauro, Stupak, Larson of Connecticut, and Welch of Vermont.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

IRAQI SECURITY FORCES DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on an update on efforts to develop and support the Iraqi Security Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG James Dubik, USA, Commander, Multi Security Transition Command—Iraq; and Christopher Straub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Middle Eastern Affairs, Office of the Secretary.

DEFENSE LANGUAGE/CULTURAL AWARENESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defense Language and Cultural Awareness Transformation: To What End? At What Cost? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOOD PRICES' CHILD NUTRITION IMPACTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on the Rising Cost of Food and Its Impact on Federal Child Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; and Ephraim Leibtag, Economist; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2851, amended, Michelle's Law; H.R. 6432, Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6433, Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act of 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 5840, amended, Insurance Information Act of 2008; H.R. 5792, amended, Increasing Insurance Coverage Options for Consumers Act of 2008; H.R. 5611, amended, National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act of 2008; and the Securities Act of 2008.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Federal Spending Requirements in Housing and Community Development Programs: Challenges in 2008 and Beyond." Testimony was heard from Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Housing Investments, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iran. Testimony was heard from William J. Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State.

EUROPE-ISRAEL DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on Europe and Israel: Strengthening the Partnership. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POST-9/11—PROTECTING MASS GATHERINGS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The Challenge of Protecting Mass Gatherings in a Post-9/11 World." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: COL Robert B. Stephan, USAF (Ret.), Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection; and VADM Roger R. Rufe, Jr., USCG (Ret.), Director, Operations Directorate; SGT Scott McCartney, Office of the Governor, State of California; and public witnesses.

FORMALDEHYDE IN FEMA TRAILERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Manufacturers of FEMA Trailers and Elevated Formaldehyde Levels. Testimony was heard from Michael McGeehin, Director, Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

TRUCK WEIGHTS AND LENGTHS REGULATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Truck Weights and Lengths: Assessing the Impacts of Existing Laws and Regulations. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey F. Paniati, Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; David Cole, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, State of Maine; Jeff G. Honefanger, Manager, Special Hauling Permits, Department of Transportation, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

TREATING PTSD WITH SUICIDE-INDUCING DRUGS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on Why Does the VA Continue to Give a Suicide-Inducing Drug to Veterans with PTSD? Testimony

was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James B. Peake, M.D., Secretary; and John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of Inspector General; Paul Seligman, M.D., Associate Director, Safety Policy and Communication, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COLUMBIA HOSTAGE SITUATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Meet in executive session to receive a briefing on Colombia Hostage Situation. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies, Energy and Water Development, and Financial Services and General Government, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), focusing on implementing the renewable fuel standard, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine issues and options for the transportation infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Canada with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital done at Washington on September 26, 1980, as Amended by the Protocols done on June 14, 1983, March 28, 1984, March 17, 1995, and July 29, 1997, signed on September 21, 2007, at Chelsea (the "proposed Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110-15), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, and accompanying Protocol, signed on October 23, 2007, at Washington, D.C. (Treaty Doc. 110-17), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, with accompanying Protocol, signed at Washington on February 23, 2007 (the "Proposed Treaty"), as well as the Protocol

Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Sofia on February 26, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-18), and certain other pending treaties, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the roots of violent Islamist extremism and efforts to counter it, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine passport files, focusing on privacy protection for all Americans, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue hearings to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the CFTC, 11 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Threat posed by Electromagnetic Pulse Attack, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the source selection and path forward regarding the Air Force KC-(X) Program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on oversight and status of POW-MIA activities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on H.R. 6258, Carbon Capture and Storage Early Deployment Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Politicization of the Justice Department and Allegations of Selective Prosecution, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to mark up H.R. 6034, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children; and to consider private relief measures, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing entitled "Going, Going, Gone? An Assessment of the Global Decline in Bird Populations," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007; H.R. 3299, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving Roosevelt National Forest,